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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 153 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/47/906.

2. At its 68th, 69th, 72nd and 74th meetings, on 18, 23, and 27 August and 3 September 1993, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (A/47/969 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/985).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.44

3. At the 74th meeting, on 3 September 1993, the representative of Portugal introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.44.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.44 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.68, 69, 72 and 74).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 797 (1992) of 16 December 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Mozambique for a period until 31 October 1993,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Operation in Mozambique, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Operation in Mozambique with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Expressing concern about the deteriorating financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears,

Expressing deep concern about the adverse effect that the deteriorating financial situation has on reimbursement to troop contributors, placing an additional burden on these countries and putting at risk the continuing supply of troops to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique and, consequently, the success of the Operation,

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1/ A/47/969 and Corr.1.

2/ A/47/985.

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the text of this resolution;

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique in full and on time;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to explore all possibilities in order to ensure prompt reimbursement to troop-contributing countries;

4. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account a total amount of 54 million United States dollars gross (52,785,200 dollars net) for the operation of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1993;

5. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 54 million dollars gross (52,785,200 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1993 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 of 23 December 1992, and taking into account the scale of assessments set out in resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

6. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,214,800 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1993 approved for the United Nations Operation in Mozambique;

7. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Operation in Mozambique at a rate not to exceed 20 million dollars gross (19,439,000 dollars net) per month should the Security Council decide to extend the mandate of the Operation beyond 31 October 1993, and subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the actual level of commitments to be entered into for the period from 1 November 1993 to 28 February 1994, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to submit, no later than 8 February 1994, budget proposals, including revised estimates for the period the Security Council might have decided to continue the mandate beyond 31 October 1993, as well as budget proposals for the subsequent period of six months;

8. Decides to establish the contributions of Andorra, the Czech Republic, Eritrea, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Monaco and Slovakia to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for those Member States at its forty-eighth session;

9. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 8 above to make payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

10. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that all United Nations activities related to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique are administered under the authority of his Special Representative in a coordinated fashion with a maximum of efficiency and economy and in accordance with the relevant mandate, and to include information on the arrangements made in this regard in his report on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique".